

**THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**  
**Church Council Meeting**  
**May 12, 2009**

Barbara Matthew called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

**Present:** Diane Borkman, Cissy Funk, Nancy Gray, Calvin Gundlach, Barbara Matthew and The Rev. Cathy Oatman. Since we did not have a quorum any motions that are voted on must be confirmed at the next council meeting with a quorum of members present.

**Devotion:** Barbara Matthew.

**Minutes:** A few minor corrections were made and a motion was made by Nancy and seconded by Cissy to accept the minutes of the April, 2009 meeting as corrected. All voted in favor.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Financial report:** Since Harvey Jacob was on vacation there was no financial report.

**Discussion:** At the congregational meeting on Sunday, May 17, 2009 we will vote to change Article VIII – Policies and Procedures – stating that alcohol is not allowed at any time on the premises of any Church buildings. One can vote to keep things status quo or vote to allow alcohol on Church premises for church sponsored functions only. A paper ballot will be issued to cast each person's vote and they must be present to vote. The by-laws do not allow absentee voting.

**Church Committee Activity**

**Property:**

- (1.) Two companies looked at our church roof. One company came back with an estimate ranging from \$2,000.00 to \$10,000.00 for repairs. The need for roof repairs will be reported to the congregation at the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- (2.) The church ramp needs to be repaired or replaced. Cissy will look into this. Garry Jacob will be asked about the possibility of repairing the existing ramp.
- (3.) We need to get a new ice machine. Cissy will get a price on a new one. Olga DeBloom will assist with this.
- (4.) Dale Sanders will be requested to review and fine tune the description of the Janitor's duties with our janitor Paul Polasky.

**Membership:** There will be two new members coming in Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. The church council will sponsor the coffee hour that Sunday.

**Altar:** Everything is alright.

**Fellowship:**

- (1.) The church picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.
- (2.) The Octoberfest is scheduled for Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. We will pursue having a German Crafts table.
- (3.) The German Choir Concert is scheduled for Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Christian Education:** On Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. there will be one service only at 10:30 a.m. This will include the confirmation reunion, the pastor's last Sunday before her sabbatical and the Sunday School drama in place of the sermon. There will be no Sunday School during July and August. Lynn Sanders and Carol Rowell will run the children's time at the late service during June.

**Calendar:** The church secretary prepared a printed calender of church events for the council & congregation.

**Ushering:** Everything is alright.

**Music:** The new hymnal response is going well. A motion was made by Diane to purchase the 'Worship and Rejoice' hymnals. This was seconded by Cissy. All voted in favor. We will address the readings and creeds missing by pasting them on the blank pages.

**Spiritual:** Diane will be collecting articles for the troops overseas in August.

**Visioning Groups:** This will wait to the fall to begin again.

**Pastor's report:** Many items were covered already except...

- (1.) There will be a follow-up educational event with Rabbi Kramer on June 24<sup>th</sup>. More information will be presented to the congregation.
- (2.) Representatives from Earl's Place will be coming to speak on May 24<sup>th</sup>.
- (3.) Met with Rev. Ben Griffin to finalize his duties during her sabbatical.
- (4.) The pastor made numerous visits, phone calls and pastoral care consultations.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None

**Adjournment/Closing Prayer:** Barbara made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Cissy. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m. after saying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Calvin R. Gundlach  
(Recording Secretary)